

# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.  
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.  
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## RESULTS OF SPIRITUALITY

### The Outward Life an Index to the Inner Life.

God Is Seeking Those Who Will Say, Like Rebecca, "I Will Go."

Many of the Lord's children are trying earnestly to become more spiritual. They are willing to make any sacrifice that is necessary for their spiritual welfare. In their prayers and testimonies it is very common to hear them express a desire to get a deeper experience and have more faith and love. It is the cry of the soul to make ready for the coming of the Lord. The nearer the approach to the coming of the Lord the more these heart cries will be realized.

God's nature is in His children to a greater or less degree, and this nature is constantly at work transforming the life and changing into His image. This process will continue until they become like Him. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (Cor. 3:18.) And John tells us that there will be a time when His saints will be like Him, having accomplished the full change.

There is such a sweet heavenly joy in a life of deep spirituality that one loses the desire for the natural that was once so attractive and delightful. The association of light, chaffy, giddy companions ceases to be a pleasure. Worldly entertainments are not attractive to one that is deeply spiritual. The question is asked some times by a friend or relative, "What change has come over you recently that you do not talk and act as you used to?"

There is more joy and happiness than ever, but the manifestations are different because the joy is heavenly instead of earthly.

In these days when the love of many is waxing cold and wickedness is abounding more and more is a time when God's children need to draw closer and closer to God and one another. Deep

spirituality in two persons will have a tendency to draw them closer together. Jesus prayed that His people might be one and this happy union is in answer to His all-prevailing prayer. It is the old story of the "iron in the fire and the fire in the iron." We in Jesus and He in us. Any one in this condition will be spiritual, and when people are this way they will be drawn close together.

Instead of wandering away from God, which is the common tendency, many are drawing nearer to Him. Their conscience is very tender and the least little thing that tends to separate them from their Savior is keenly felt.

The outer life is our index to the inner life. The inner life works its way out into the exterior so it can be seen by others. If one makes a profession of deep piety and really does not have the experience it will show itself outwardly sooner or later.

On the other hand a real experience of salvation and deep spirituality will send forth its rays of warmth so that its possessor cannot keep it hid.

In many cases those who think themselves deeply spiritual are not so spiritual as some who do not think themselves so spiritual.

Those who are really spiritual are in such close touch with the divine that they feel their shortage very keenly, while those who think they are very spiritual are so far from divinity that they do not realize the contrast between themselves and the Savior.

If I want to see if two horses look alike I want to see them close together.

Have in mind one who was very fond of match-horses. He came to me while at work with a team one day and after carefully looking at my team remarked, "You ought to have Mr. A's horse or he should have yours for they will match

perfectly. I passed his remark by without much thought at the time, but later on Mr. A. and I chanced to have our horses together. I remembered what had been told me and it only took a glance to discover that there was only a slight resemblance and scarcely any points that would match. They were both horses and that was about all that could be said.

I wonder if that will be the way with some of us when we get in close touch with Jesus some time. While people are afar off from Him they may think they are just about like Him, but when they come in close touch with Him they can see their shortage. While dear old brother Job was a long distance from God (and yet not so far either, perhaps) he could speak eloquently to his three friends and eulogize himself for his piety and integrity, but when he came into the presence of God and heard a few of His silvery utterances, he was ready to say: "Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth." Job was just as pious then as before, but he was now in the presence of perfection personified and he could then see the contrast.

Isaiah was a prophet and God had accepted him and he was a good man, but once when he got a good look at the Lord, he was able to see his imperfections to that extent that he cried out: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people with unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Reference could be made to Daniel, Peter, John and other good men that were chosen of God and approved of Him, and yet at some special periods when they came in close touch with divinity, they could scarcely stand in His presence.

There have been many that did not have to wait to receive instructions from the preacher about certain acts of life, but as soon as converted or sanctified or filled with the Holy Ghost, God would teach them to drop off or drop out of certain practices. Some have dropped their lodges, some their certain kind of businesses in which they were engaged, some their jewelry,

some tobacco, some "chewing gum" and many indulgences that are hurtful to one's spiritual welfare. While some have gone to the extreme probably on these lines, yet in many cases they have been rounded up and got on good balance with scarcely any teaching from others.

Then there are others that seem good and listen to the teaching and hear it often and regularly that still persist in many useless and hurtful practices. It certainly is a difficult job for the preacher to have to take his shears and climb about over the branches of a tree and reach out to the tip ends and clip off all the leaves when he wants the foliage taken off. Then if he should get the leaves all clipped off one year, the next year the same tree would be covered as thick as ever.

A person that leaves the lodge just to get into the church, without the inner life being so changed that he will do it from a sense of inward conscientiousness, needs a deeper experience. One who removes his jewelry just because he is in the presence of one whom he knows is opposed to the wearing of jewelry, needs to come into closer touch with the Lord. One that uses gum, tobacco, soft drinks, etc., "on the sly" needs to remember that while they may be a long distance from the one they profess to serve, yet He knows every act of their lives.

Rebecca came out to draw water at the very time to be selected for the bride of Isaac. She let down her pitcher and gave Abraham's servant a drink of water and drew water for his camels without knowing those very actions were leading to the place of honor that should follow. Then, when asked to go and become the bride of Isaac, she was ready to say, "I will go." She did not say she would have some preparations to make first. She had met all the conditions before hand without knowing what was before her.

God is looking for a people in these days whose inner life is such that the outward life will be subject to it, so that, like Rebecca, the outward will be so adjusted to the requirements that when the question comes all will be ready, so the answer will be,

"I will go," without any excuses or apologies. If the inner life is just what it should be in every particular, the outward life will be in fairly good condition. And why should one try to deceive men by appearing right on the outside and the heart not right in the sight of God, when they know they cannot deceive God?

Wytheville, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

Greetings in Jesus' name. I will write a few words to let you all hear from me. I feel good in my soul, knowing that the Lord will not leave me or forsake me. Peter said: "Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." I am glad that I was like Moses when the time came for him to make his choice. When the test came to me, I chose to obey the word of God and suffer the afflictions with the people of God.

Well, I believe I love Jesus and his church better today than ever before. I am glad I am a member, and when one member suffers all the members suffer with it; and all the members love one another. I did not know that the members of the Church of God loved one another as good as they do until the devil cast me into prison. I believe the members are getting so they love one another good enough to give their lives for one another if it was necessary. Just a few more hard storms from the enemy and we will all be melted together in that white-heated love that Brother Tomlinson told us about.

A good many of the brothers and sisters have come to see me since I have been in prison. Brother Lemons, from Cleveland, Tenn., was here on the 9th and 10th of this month. He went and talked to the judge about my case.

Well, if I have to go on the road, I can go with joy in my soul and work for Jesus there until He says it is enough. Thank God for it.

Walter Barney.

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Milton Padgett landed on the Bahama Islands the 26th day of January. His address is Nassau, N. P., Bahamas. Pray for him and write him a good letter while he labors over there. Postage is only 2 cents now. He needs your sympathy and help.

We are trying to publish the testimonials that are sent as fast as we can without partiality. They are all good, but if any of you should not see yours in print, please do not feel that we meant to slight you. Hope no one will refrain from writing when you feel like you should, for fear there will not be room in the paper for it.

After having made careful and prayerful investigation of brother Barney's case, we have decided it will not be wise to carry it to the higher court. One reason for not doing so is because the case was not properly presented before the lower court to give the church a fair showing. God is using brother Barney's imprisonment to accomplish much good. See brother Lemons' report in another column.

Hope all the Sunday schools will examine the Sunday School Helper and see if you don't like it well enough to order a supply every quarter for distribution in your school. The schools that are using it, as well as some of the individual subscribers, give it a good recommendation. We are trying to make its pages full of interest and instruction. Send for samples and make an examination.

With considerable reluctance, we mention again the unpaid expense of the Assembly. There is yet \$20.75 unpaid that was subscribed. We presume that the parties who subscribed have either forgotten it or have met with misfortunes. We do not feel inclined to notify these parties personally, so if they do not pay soon or give us some reason for not doing so, we will drop the matter and leave it with them and God at the judgement. Since our last report on this matter some has been paid in and we have been waiting patiently for the balance.

Our last count shows we still want \$27.19 to finish paying the bills. I don't feel like asking for this amount as I know our people are in a financial strain, but I am going to ask for a united prayer to God for the amount, and if He prompts anybody to send in any amount I assure you it will be greatly appreciated. I feel now that this is the last time this matter will be mentioned in these columns, as I will look to the Lord to help me out in some way.

We are still looking up and believing for the amount needed for the Assembly buildings. We are expecting soon to have something to publish from the committee.

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**Cleveland, Tenn.**

I praise God this evening because the Comforter sweetly abides in my soul. There is no room for malice or any such thing in my heart. I feel the presence of Jesus tonight as I am alone, my husband being at the bedside of his dying father.

I had an experience not long ago that I feel led to tell and I hope it will be a help to some one.

The last of November my sister-in-law came to visit me. She had been walking on crutches for three years and was in very poor health.

She wanted some of the saints to pray for her, so I called in several of them and we prayed for her. After they left she said she did not believe in healing. She went back home and died the 6th of January. I was there at the time of her death. She took medicine as long as she could swallow. She became very restless the night before

she died the next morning.

At midnight she called for me to sing for her and about 3 o'clock she began to pray.

I went back to her bed and she put her cold clammy hand on my face and said, "Fannie, those people are right and I am wrong. It is revealed to me, now, but it is to late. If I had not yielded to satan and come home I would have been healed."

Then she called out "O, Fannie do something for me, I am lost." Such a cry from a dying woman was heart rending. I fell by the side of her bed and prayed till God wonderfully saved her.

She then called her people one at a time, and shook hands with them and asked them to meet her in heaven.

Every one there said she died the most triumphant death of any one that had ever died in that county.

It was an awful battle to fight alone but God stood by me.

Your sister in Christ,  
Fannie Johnson.

**Copperhill, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for a salvation that will keep us free from sin. The Holy Ghost come into my soul about two years ago and I am glad He abides today. It is wonderful what the Lord can do for us if we will obey Him. I am glad because I counted the cost and was willing to pay the price and the Lord blessed me.

We have had many physicians but we have found the Lord the best of all and we have had only Him for two years. Praise His name. Pray for us at this place.

Your sister in Christ,  
Carrie Fortner.

**Rock Island, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord because I can write my testimony. I am praising Him for saving my soul, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost according to the Bible. I praise the Lord for sending Brother Payne here and giving us the Word of God. I have been praying the Lord to send one of the Holy Ghost preachers this way.

I am praising the Lord for healing me, both soul and body, when I was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Mary Freeman.

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**Sin.**

SAM C. PERRY.

Sin is the disturber of man's happiness. There was nothing to disturb man's fellowship with God until sin came. Nothing to hinder his bodily comforts. But sin opened the way for the entrance of all his ails and ills. This was true of his spiritual, bodily and mental natures, and the whole being is wrecked and continues in that condition forever, unless the disturber is cast out

1. Man was made to be a companion of God, to enjoy Him and through obedience to His word, give pleasure and glory to His name forever, but sin breaks off this companionship, destroys the happiness and pleasure of this union, so that there is absolutely no way of readjustment forever except the salvation remedy and it must be applied with speed or it will soon be too late. God cannot fellowship or tolerate sin in anyone. If an archangel sinned, he would lose his standing with God. We read of angels who "left their first estate" by sin. If God's ministers sin, God must turn his face from them. God says, "sin is a reproach to any people." Men may make excuse for it, argue for it and contend that a little sin is absolutely necessary or cannot be avoided, but God allows none and is compelled to withdraw from those who commit any. David says: "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Another says: "Now we know God heareth not sinners."

2. Sin destroys the peace and happiness of the human heart. While sin is in, peace is out. "There is no peace to the wicked," saith my God. Deadly poison will destroy the human body and sin destroys the real life of the soul, leaving it blighted and blasted forever, unless God's great salvation remedy is received at once. It matters not about our talents or past successes or natural abilities, everything goes to ruin when sin enters. See what an unkind word or act brings to the heart that enjoyed the rich grace of full salvation. Take us the foxes—the little foxes that destroy the vines—for our vines have tender grapes. If we would keep our peace and rest in the Lord, we must keep the little sins and all sins out.

3. Sin is contagious. It spreads from heart to heart. There is no telling where it will end when it once begins. It is deceptive, It has been compared to leprosy, that dreaded, treacherous disease. The sinful heart is so decep-

tive God says, "Who can know it?"

4. To those who die in their sins, there is no deliverance forever. Their sins will make them miserable to all eternity. Just to think of men's evil tempers, dispositions and passions getting worse and more ungovernable to all eternity and the pain and suffering they shall have in the lake of fire.

But sin, although so terribly disastrous, is not incurable. The vilest of the vile may be saved through Jesus the Saviour. "He shall save his people from their sins." He is the only Saviour. "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." To be saved from sin, there must be a definite act of repenting of sin, which means the turning away from and giving up everything that God has forbidden in His Word, and then a definite act of believing in Jesus and appropriating or taking by faith the work of pardon, which will implant the love of God in the heart.

5. To keep saved, there must be a continuous separation from every sin in word or act. The separation that is required to get saved is required to keep saved. If God would not pardon you until you gave up all sin, you cannot keep pardon while practicing one sin.

6. To keep saved from sin it is necessary to obey all the words of the Lord. Disobedience is sin. Failure to follow on, after God opens up His will to us, is sin. How easy to fall back into a state of sinfulness. Failing to keep filled with the Holy Ghost and power opens the way for so many little sinful words, ways and acts. A man cannot drop back without falling into sin. We talk about growing cold, but why not tell the truth and confess to the committee. To keep sin out, stay in the fullness and power of the Holy Ghost and sin will find no room in you.

**Helicon, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I feel that it would be good for me to tell what the blessed Lord has done for me. I have been saved for five years and praise God He still abides. The way gets brighter, although the enemy works with all his might to put a stumbling block in the dear old church, but Jesus gives us the power to overcome, so we just shout, pray and love our way through. Praise His name. Pray for me and for the Church of God at Helicon.

Your brother waiting for the soon coming of the King.  
Chas. Wilkins.



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Rockwood, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name—I am so glad salvation is free for it reaches even me.

I have just been reading the dear little Evangel and it is food to my soul. God bless the dear little messenger of love and may His blessings be upon the Editor also is my prayer.

I am here at Rockwood and it is sure a hard place.

It does my soul good to hear from the dear ones that are out in the service of the Master. It makes me want to rush forward and cry, "The battle for lost souls is raging, forward march, forward march, lift the blood stained banner for the time is at hand." I long to be in the service of Jesus but He whispers "Be faithful, I will make you ruler over many things." Praise the Lord for His promises. Pray for me for I am weak and also my husband that God may sanctify and baptize him with the Holy Ghost so we can work for Jesus. He believes in this way of holiness but it seems he can't get any closer to God.

Oh the burden that is on my soul for lost humanity.

My God, my God help us to hold on to thee for lost souls. I don't get to go to meeting but I pray that the time will soon come when I can go and serve Jesus the way He would have me to.

Bless His name. Your sister, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and determined to go through.

Mrs. Della Land.

Sugar Valley, Ga.

Dear Saints:

I have been thinking of writing for some time and give God glory for what He has done for me. My sins were pardoned when I was eleven years old and I tried to do what I thought was right. Three years ago I heard of the holiness people but never anything good.

They were some thing awful and the tongues I did not believe, but I did not make fun. I had never heard it preached. Some said it was of the devil. My brother joined them and that hurt me

but I did not say anything. I thought he was just a little crazy but when people talked about him he praised God and then I saw he had something that I did not have. I went to praying that if these people were right that God would show me for I wanted all that He had for me. I was sick, the doctors said I would never be well without an operation. I was wearing two supporters and had to wear glasses. I would have been glad to have died if it had not been for leaving my four little children. I suffered so much that life was a burden. My mother came, while ——— was in Atlanta, and said she believed if I would go I would be healed without an operation.

Praise the Lord I went. I started up to be prayed for but something seemed to pull me down at the altar. I began to pray. I don't know how long I prayed. I fell over and a soft voice said, "Sing Jesus lover of my soul."

I began singing. It seemed like I was in a beautiful park which was full of people. I stood still and they all passed out, then it was lighted up with a beautiful light, more beautiful than I had ever seen. I felt my face change and I saw Christ upon the cross. Some one moved my head and it seemed like I fell. I was not satisfied so I went back at night, a sister was singing and talking in tongues as she sat down I heard "as the rushing of a mighty wind" over her head.

I said "Lord, it is enough" I believe." I went up to be prayed for and ——— laid hands on me and rebuked the evil spirits. I felt the power drawing me up it drew me up on my toes and I fell back someone caught me. I came back home praying for the baptism. I was willing to talk in tongues and about six weeks after I returned I received the baptism. I told my neighbors what the Lord had done for me. Some said it was hypnotism, some thought I was crazy. Praise God, I am in good health better than I have had for seven years. I don't have to wear supporters or glasses neither have I taken any medicine since the Lord healed me. I want all of God's people to pray for me that I may keep humble and do His will. I am the only one here that believes this is the right way.

One night in December I was praying that the United States would not be in this great war that is raging. Soldiers came before me dressed in blue and gold and then

some dressed in white with white flags. I do not know what this means but I trust it means peace.

I am sending \$1.00 for the new building and I pray it will be built before November.

Mrs. Minnie Tweedell.

## A Report.

On the morning of February 8th, at 6 o'clock I boarded the fast train for Wytheville, Va., to visit our brother, Walter Barney, who is confined in county jail on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

The facts in the case are simply these: He is a member of the Church of God and is a strict adherent to its doctrine and practices. He and his wife and three of his children have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They, like the balance of us, believe and practice the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles in divine healing. In many cases, we have permanent relief, altho some times one dies. It is not always God's will to heal for He has said: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Brother Barney's 3-years old child took sick and he complied with all the requirements of the New Testament in calling for the elders of the Church, according to James 5:14. And from what the witnesses said about him, who also said he was guilty of involuntary manslaughter, he gave his child all the attention and care that any parents would have been required to do, only he did not employ a physician to attend on him. However, the child died, like thousands of others who do or do not use doctors or medicine. Therefore his opposers became enraged over the matter and went and swore out a warrant for Bro. Barney and the consequence was that these witnesses, with a court and jury of the same opinion, found him guilty and sent him to prison for six months. It seemed that the witnesses, with the entire court, had no regard for the word of God. Neither do they even show sympathy, for after this heart-broken mother had her darling child torn from her bosom, they immediately took from her side her husband, who is her only source of help, and left her alone to care for her five helpless children, one being an infant of only a few months.

To be bereft of one of the members of the family is not enough suffering for a child of God. Had they been outcasts, living in sin and shame, nothing would have been said

about this, but as it is, they are branded with "fanaticism" and extremists, simply because they do not employ doctors and use medicines, which would have been in open rebellion to the teachings of the New Testament and the doctrine of the Church of God.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Constitution of this great United States of liberty and freedom says that every man shall have a right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of his own conscience. At this point in life is one of our most solemn hours of divine worship. We expect to preach it in health and practice it in sickness—live or die, we will be found obedient to our faith and true to our God.

Our brother Barney has already been in the old, dark prison most 30 days, and, without some change that we know nothing of, he will soon have to go to the workhouse and be with men "who blaspheme the worthy name whereby ye are called," and with criminals he must be in chains for 150 days longer, leaving his helpless family to the mercies of a cold, heartless, ungodly world. His wife must care for five children alone for one hundred and fifty long, lonesome nights, eighteen miles away out in the country, right in the neighborhood of the people who thrust her husband away from her side because they believe the doctrines of Jesus. If they had called in a drunken doctor and taken a pill, there would have been nothing of all this. My God! What kind of people are we anyway? Jesus said: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and say all manner of evil against you for my sake rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in Heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Is it an offense in Virginia to obey the doctrine of Jesus? No, if the law was rightly looked into, our brother would be a free man. The laws of Virginia are good. There is nothing in the statute of Virginia that says a man must furnish his child medicine. We are certain that a higher court would release our brother from these chains of five long months, but as we have already had to bear the shame and disgrace of having our precious brother to be placed in the county jail and thrust violently away from his precious wife and tender, loving, little babies, we have decided to let him go on and trust the great hand of Providence to

adjust the balance of the matter. He said: "Beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place to wrath, for God hath said, vengeance is mine, I will repay," sayeth the Lord.

Let all who read this article give due consideration, knowing that our brother will lose a crop; his hands are tied, he cannot assist his family five cents. Think of yourself and what a great sacrifice this would be if it was you. It would cost a good deal to hire counsel and make another attempt to release brother Barney, so we think it would be wise to assist his family to live and help them with the money that it would cost to enter a new law suit.

It seems to me that all of our brothers and sisters ought to assist Bro. Barney's family, which I know we will do. It would be well for the mothers to assist Sister Barney all they think necessary and also write her letters of cheer and visit her if they can.

Your brother in the war for Jesus,

M. S. Lemons.

Brewster, Fla.

Dear Evangel:

I am so glad that God sent Brother Simmons to Brewster last June. I thank God for showing me the light on the Church of God. I prayed several days in my little old blacksmith shop that if this was the right way to show me. Thank God, one night He saved and sanctified me, and about three weeks later He filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. What a happy time that was! I can trust God for my body as well as my soul and I love him for it. Glory to God! How I thank Him for making the Bible so plain to me. It seems to me I have moved into a new world. Praise God!

I want the prayers of the saints that some day I may be a fisherman for God.

Your brother under the blood,

M. E. Albritton.

Snowville, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I feel like telling the Evangel family what good things the Lord has done for me.

I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and on my way to glory. Praise God. On the second day of December I was praising the Lord and the Spirit began to speak and sing a new song which I had never heard before. I have just been healed of a severe case of lagrippe by the mighty power of God. I did not take anything except prayer, glory to God, and He brought me out safe. It pays to trust God. I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be true to God. Your sister in Christ, Lucy Turner.

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## Daytona, Fla.

To the Saints of God:

I want to speak a word for my Savior for He has done so much for me. I want to praise Him for the Holy Ghost, the abiding Comforter, one that takes possession of our tongues and also our bodies. I praise Him for the Church of God. My membership is in Jacksonville where I have worked since I received the Holy Ghost. It is a hard field and needs much prayer. I enjoyed the work because I find out that the harder we have to work the more we will beg God for help and the more blessings we get and if we are thrown away from the saints, we are more able to stand the tests than those who always have others to hold up their hands. I want to beg help for the eastern coast of Florida, from Jacksonville to Miami. So far as I know the true gospel has never been preached and the little children are being poisoned by false teachings and damnable heresies of all kinds.

I would like to carry the glad news to the little children but I cannot for my husband has never received the Holy Ghost and I have four little children and Paul said that he would rather the younger women minded the house and raised their children.

I am praying the Lord for some one that believes as I do to worship with.

Your sister in Christ,  
Nora Lewis.

## Sale Creek, Tenn.

Dear Saints:

I praise God for the Holy Ghost and every blessing that I receive from Him. It is almost two years since I received the Holy Ghost. I want all of the saints to pray for me to grow stronger in His grace and do more for Him in the future than I have in the past. Glory to God.

Last night we were engaged in a prayer service and were having a good meeting and the Lord led sister Gentry to the fire and she took up a hand full and went dancing over the floor with it in her hand, glory to His name, before she threw the fire down brother Will Brooks being carried away by the Spirit was also led to the fire and taking up a hand full of fire went dancing over the floor. The sinner part of the congregation was amazed at the work of the blessed Lord and they stood as if they could not move.

Pray that the Church here may grow and prosper.

Your brother in Christ,  
Harvey Land.

## Warrior, Ala.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in Jesus' name—I want to praise God because He keeps me. Praise His holy name. I am glad one day I found Jesus and learned that He says in His Word. "Be ye holy for I am holy."

How I do praise my blessed Savior for His keeping power. It makes me feel more like going on when I read the Evangel and find out what is going on. It does my soul good to know that God has people that will stand true to His Word regardless of what people may do. I have started to go all the way and praise God. He will give us grace.

I want all of God's people to pray that I may be healed.

The Lord knows all about me and I intend to trust Him.

Glory to His precious name. Pray for my home.

Your unworthy sister,  
Minnie Duke.

## Fries, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am living where there are about 900 people employed and none of them have heard the true gospel.

I am only 14 years old but I want to do something for the Lord. All that read this please pray for me as I give out the literature of the Church of God.

I received the Holy Ghost two years ago and I want to do all I can to win lost souls to Christ.

Your sister,  
Graycie Ward.

## Rock Island, Tenn.

A. J. Tomlinson:

I thought I would write a few lines to our little paper. I like it fine.

I was saved in the year 1898 and I joined a church.

I lived an up and down life about eight years and I back slid. I was reclaimed and sanctified as a second work of grace. I lived it until last August when I heard brother T. S. Payne preach and I got under conviction for the Holy Ghost.

I was baptized with the Holy Ghost August 12th.

Praise His holy name. I became so hungry for the Holy Ghost I could not stand it. I was under the power four hours when I began speaking in tongues as in Acts 2:4. I joined the Church of God at Campagine. I was one of the number that was baptized in water. Glory to Jesus.

Brother Tomlinson I have not committed a sin since I was baptized. I intend to go

all the way with Jesus. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,  
H. V. Freeman.

## Lake Butler, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

Greeting in Jesus' name. We enjoyed a good meeting at Sampson City Sunday. Several burning testimonials and prayers. Glory to God!

A message was given from Gen. 3:9 to a large and attentive congregation. Some hungry souls came to the altar. Glory to His name!

The Holy Spirit answered the question that was asked in Gen. 3:9 with Acts 8:23. We are working and praying for victory. Glory to Jesus! Your brother under the blood,  
G. W. Peeples.

## A Vision.

About ten o'clock a bright light shone upon me and I saw an host of angels coming toward me, calling my name, and I heard Jesus say, "Come follow me for your home is in heaven with me." I saw my little grand daughter and she called me and said for me to keep on following Jesus for my home was in heaven.

This vision stayed with me until two o'clock and then passed away.

I am eighty years old and the Lord has taught me to read the Bible. Glory to Jesus.

Malindia Freeman.

## Carrollton, Ala.

Dear Evangel Family:

Greeting in Jesus' name. I have never written to the paper, and I want to tell the world something about Jesus. I found the way of Holiness fifteen years ago and the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, according to Acts 2:4, and I pray that God may use me in His cause. I want to tell of some of the works of God. Bro. Barbour and myself went to Buhl, Ala., in December and the power fell in a wonderful way. One sister played the organ under the power, and she did not know a thing about playing, but the Spirit carried her there. Many danced and leaped for joy. We went to Ethelsville, Ala., to pray for Sister Simpson and we had a wonderful victory. My little boy had pneumonia and we called for the saints and we prayed and the Lord raised him up. Hallelujah for complete victory!

Your brother in Christ,  
W. L. Reynolds.

## Blue Ridge, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am just a little girl, 11 years old. My father and mother are dead, but I remember how my mother would shout and praise God and talk in tongues.

I live with one of my aunts and she will not give me money to subscribe for the little paper, and I want you to remember me when you are mailing it. I would love to read it and hear about God's people.

My mother would pray with me when she was here, but she is gone home now to live in the beautiful mansion on high and now I have no one to pray with me. I want all of you to pray for me. I want to go to see my mother.

If you will send me the paper, it might be a help to me in getting my aunt to believe like my mother did. I don't get to go to any holiness meetings since my mother died. Pray for me.

Fannie Gray.

## Lindale, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' name. I am praising God for what he is doing in Lindale. Not long ago Brother Mathis gave out the word and the power fell. Two people were filled with the baptism of the blessed Holy Ghost. One of them was an old lady that had been sanctified for 35 years and the other was a Baptist preacher. The fire is still burning among the dear saints in this place. I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost just like He did His children at Pentecost. I praise God for the Church of God, something that I have been trying to find for twenty years. I praise Him for being a member of His Church in particular. I get the Evangel every week and enjoy reading the precious testimonies. I want all the dear saints to pray for me and the work in Lindale, Ga.

Your brother under the blood,  
Jas. D. Jenkins.

## Augusta, Ga.

To my Brothers and Sisters:

Greeting in Jesus' dear name. There is a great revival in progress here and has been for two months. The power of God is falling. Bro. W. R. Anderson is with us at present. Souls are getting saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Sister Mae Doss and friends my address is 1905 Broad St., Augusta, Ga. I am still saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and healed.

Pray for the meeting here. Your sister under the blood,  
Sallie O. Lee.

## Miami, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel readers:

I do praise God for the wonderful saving power in the blood that will wash and cleanse people from their sins. I do thank God for cleansing me from sin and making me a witness for Him. I praise Him for the life He gave for me. He saved my soul, sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I have joy, peace and happiness in my soul. He heals my body, praise His holy name. Pray for me to hold out faithful to the end.

J. D. Williams.

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